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## Inaugural COA Forum

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The inaugural Cultural and Organizational Awareness (COA) Forum was held June 14-16, 2011, in Monterey, Calif. Organized by the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), the designated U.S. Partnership for Peace Training and Education Center, in partnership with the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International, the theme of this groundbreaking event was “Cooperative Engagement for Partnership Capacity: Africa as a Model for Whole of Government.”

The forum featured key issues, cultural events, and top-level discussions related to U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and its area of responsibility. The goal of the conference was stated quite clearly at the outset by AFCEA President and CEO Kent R. Schneider, who said, “This conference is about bringing communities together to talk about Africa.”

To view the videos from this event, please visit the [USPTC Channel](#) on the NPS video portal.